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Applicant: Beth E. Drees  
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Group Art Unit: 1641  
Examiner: Gary W. Counts  
Attorney Docket No: 007262-30 US  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION,  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination, Preliminary Amendment and Reply is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the USPTO October 28, 2009. As this Request for Continued Examination, Preliminary Amendment and Reply has been filed on April 28, 2010, Applicant herein respectfully requests an extension of time in the amount of three months for the filing of this Request and includes \$555 for payment of same. It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, in the event that an additional fee is deemed necessary or overpayment is made in connection with this response, the undersigned authorizes the charge/credit to be applied to Deposit Account No. 502679. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following Preliminary Amendment and consider the enclosed remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Please reconsider the application as follows:

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